

Greetings by airplane

A 21 gun salute was the only thing missing from the 60th birthday of Mac Duff in Ballinacree, Monday. Neighbors from the community were alerted of the birthday celebration when a plane flew over the village carrying the birthday message on a banner, "60 down, 60 to go, Happy Birthday Dad." Helium balloons

were also sent up in honor of the occasion. More than 40 people attended the surprise party including friends who attended University with the guest of honor and the couple's three children, Peggy and Ian, both of Hamilton, and daughter Janice Gee, from Smith Falls and their two grandchildren.

Board to unveil contract demands

Halt Board of Education trustees unanimously adopted a "Near Early Warning" (N.E.W.) step for labor strikes. "If parents have a chance to observe the states of education, they can look at taking their kids to private schools or

Once renovated Acton town hall will be functional

If the Actario lottery is a success Acton could have a day care centre, public washrooms downtown, a fully equipped senior citizens drop-in centre and many other facilities. Actario spokesman Ted Tyler said some potential ticket purchasers are questioning why the town hall should be restored to just sit empty as an historic building.

Well, the building isn't being restored and Actario operated just so an old building can be saved from demolition. Tyler says the aim is to renovate the town hall and make it a functional and much needed community centre.

He says most Acton groups and services are in "make-shift" accommodations. Too much in Acton is on a "make-shift" basis he and other town hall boosters feel.

There are lots of ideas for what can be done with the restored town hall. Acton badly needs a day care centre and Tyler suggests the meeting rooms and offices in the town hall would be ideal.

Wouldn't the town hall be the perfect spot, he asks, for the Ward One Councillors' Friday afternoon drop-in, rather than the small room now used at the Y.

Public health facilities are also at the Y. A properly equipped medical office in the town hall would be an excellent new home. Another facility at the town hall could be a senior citizens drop-in complete with kitchen. Acton unlike most communities, doesn't have public washrooms downtown. Tyler says they are a dire need and the town hall will be the perfect spot.

Little theatre and arts and crafts rooms are two more possibilities. The list is endless, since some new groups may be born once there is a proper community centre available in Acton.

"This is a chance to have a fully renovated community facility at the bargain basement price of just \$60,000. There is no reason why it can't be functional as well as historical," Tyler declared.

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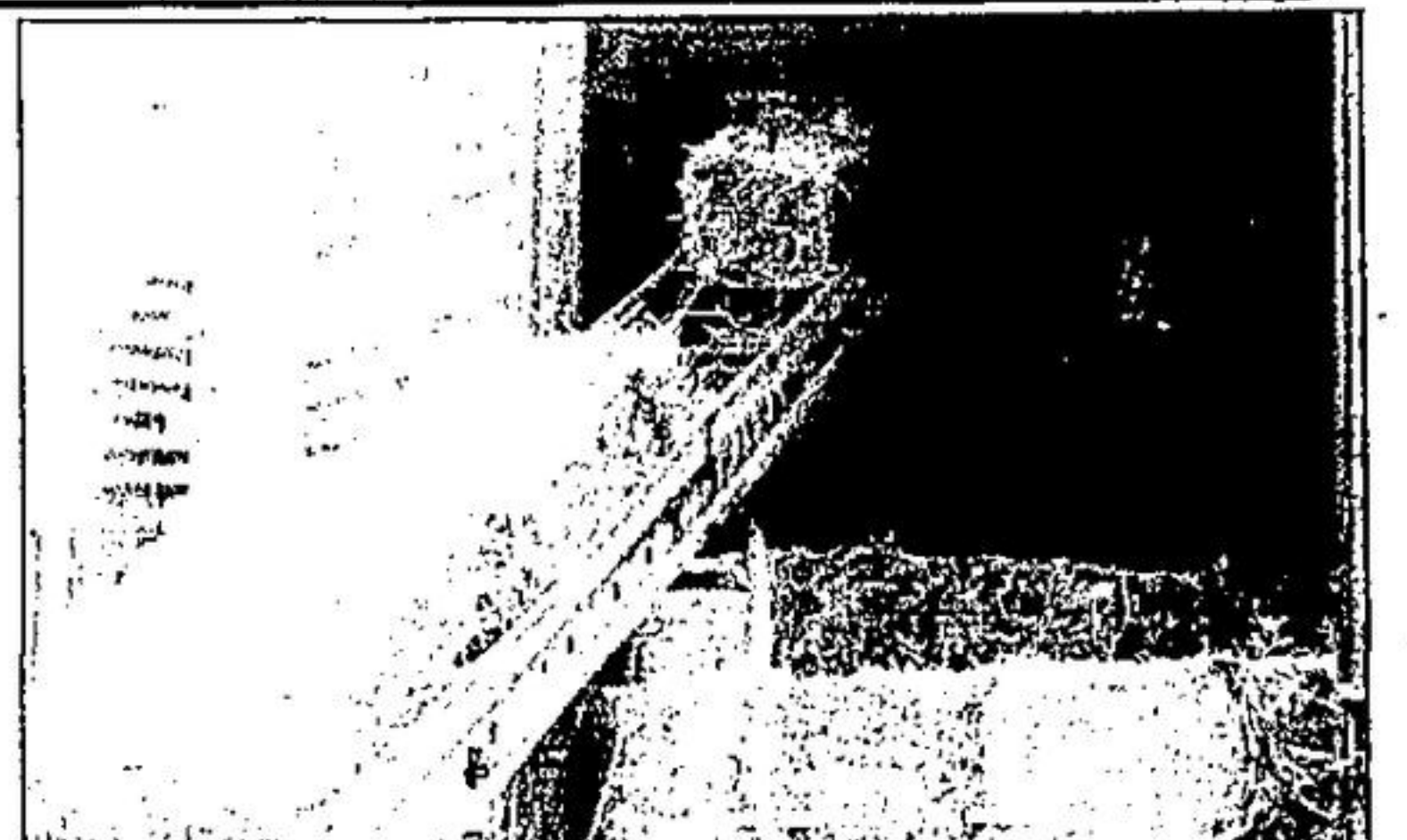
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Region projects top \$130 million

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